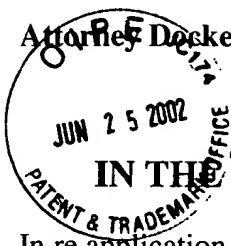


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend claims 15, 17 and 23 in the following manner. These amendments are indicated in the attached Appendix.*

- B1
- 15. A method for managing a release of a product, comprising:
- describing the product in terms of a plurality of product features;
  - entering a description of each of said product features, wherein said description comprises an instantiation of a feature list graphical user interface;
  - defining a plurality of tasks, wherein each of said tasks is associated with one of said product features, the plurality of tasks being grouped into task types;
  - linking each of the plurality of tasks with one of the plurality of product features;